

District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers



SE 17th Street Traffic – I hope you had a chance to attend the **Second Public Workshop on the SE 17th Street Mobility Plan** held April 25 at the Embassy Suites on SE 17 Street. To provide comments, to read comments previously posted, and to review information presented at this meeting, log on to <http://maps.kittelson.com/17thStreet>.

Bahia Mar – We are still awaiting an appraisal for the site. As I've stated publicly, I can't measure the value of the property without the appraisal; I need to know the value of the property with no lease, with the lease, and with the new lease. This will help me assess what is a fair deal for the City. Going forward, the City hosted a public workshop conducted by staff (without the Commission) on April 26 to receive input on a revised plan, which was recently submitted. With the input from that workshop, the Commission is expected to hold a Special Meeting on May 10 to continue the first reading of the related ordinance.

Seawall Ordinance on May 3 Afternoon Agenda – We will be discussing modifications to the Seawall Ordinance (ULDR Sec 47-19.3), during the Commission Conference Meeting on Tuesday, May 3. The meeting starts at 1:30 PM, but a "time certain" for this item (BUS-1) has not been set. Back-up materials can be reviewed here: <https://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2705738&GUID=B1A11A71-3DFE-41FB-A036-95FD2626882E>.

Future projections for higher sea levels need to be addressed now to protect everyone's property. King tides are coming in higher than predicted, and there's been unprecedented road flooding in areas that hadn't flooded before. We need a new ordinance to protect all property owners by requiring that everyone eventually meet minimum height specifications. If a neighbor has a seawall higher than the one next to it, the water could simply flow around the higher wall and over the lower wall into both yards. So when seawalls are addressed, they must be done uniformly. To learn more and to comment on proposed changes, see <http://gyr.fortlauderdale.gov/greener-government/climate-resiliency/why-resiliency-now/comments-on-proposed-changes-to-seawall-ordinance>.

Flood Zones – You can now use a new interactive GIS application to look up property flood zones quickly and easily with no passwords required! Simply visit the online City of Fort Lauderdale FEMA Flood Zone Viewer at <http://gis.fortlauderdale.gov/FemaFloodZones/>, enter a property address, and the program will display the property's flood zone. (The Federal Emergency Management Agency identifies flood zones according to varying elevation and associated risk of flooding.)

The FEMA Flood Zone Viewer can be used to review and determine flood zones, base flood elevations for development applications, and determine flood insurance rates, as well as help neighbors determine the vulnerability of their property, so they can determine what protection measures may be appropriate. By sharing information and raising awareness of our flood risk, the City hopes to facilitate critical adaptation measures and bring Fort Lauderdale closer to achieving the vision of being a stronger and more resilient community.

Advisory Boards – I have openings on these boards and there are no District IV Applicants on file: Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Education Advisory Board, and the Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee. You can apply online at <http://fortlauderdale.granicus.com/boards/w/535c460f8191bab3>. Thank you.

Walk of Fame Honorees – Congratulations to the 2016 Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame Inductees: Pioneer and Trailblazer George Burrows, Sr., founder and owner of Burrows Electric Company; Nicki Grossman, President of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau; Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Supervising Principal of St. Thomas Aquinas and Cardinal Gibbons high schools; and Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue, a team of professionals celebrating 90 years of providing continuous, ocean-lifesaving services.

Wave Streetcar Workshop – On Wednesday, May 25, from 4:30 - 7:30 PM at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Riverview Ballroom (201 SW 5 Ave.), the Florida Department of Transportation will convene a Wave Streetcar Public Information Workshop. The goal is to give stakeholders information about the project and provide an opportunity to ask questions and make comments in an open-house format beginning at 4:30 PM, with a presentation at 6:30 PM. Free parking will be available in the garage on the NW corner of SW 2 St. and SW 5 Ave.

Events –

- **Friday Night Sound Waves** – Through Nov. 18, you can enjoy free live music every Friday night from 5:30 – 8:30 PM at the Fort Lauderdale Beach Hub, East Las Olas and A1A. For details: <http://fridaynightsoundwaves.com>.
- **Fort Lauderdale Air Show** – May 7 - 8, Sunrise Boulevard and A1A. For tickets and event information, see <http://www.FortLauderdaleAirShow.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/fortlauderdaleairshow>.
- **5th Annual Transportation Summit** – May 18, 8:30 AM – 6 PM, Huizenga Pavilion at the Broward Center. For information and to register, go to <http://goo.gl/3AHvWY> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1677699255827568>.
- **Great American Beach Party** – May 28, 10 AM – 8:30 PM, East Las Olas and A1A. For more on this free event, see <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/GABP> or call 954-828-5363.

➤ My City Hall Office Hours are Mondays from 4 - 5:30 PM and Tuesdays from 9 AM - Noon (in non-Commission weeks). To schedule a meeting, contact MJ Matthews at 954-828-5028 or mmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov.